

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/31/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Reasons for Allowance

The Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending.

Claims 1-25 are allowable.

III. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- The objection of Claims 1-30 has been withdrawn due to the modification made in the claims.
- The rejection of Claims 1-30 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph has been withdrawn due to the modification made in the claims.
- The close references for the current invention are Sakie et al (JP3072446) and Sakie et al (JP3223236).

Sakie et al discloses the preparation of dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid in the following example

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108.9g of the salt of (S)-1,2-diaminopropane and dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid having an optical purity of 91%ee was added into 250ml of water, and then stirred for 1 hour at 70°C. After addition of the salt, the mixture was cooled to 30°C, taking 5 hours. The precipitated crystal was taken out through filtration and dried to obtain 94.4g of a salt of (S)-1,2-diaminopropane and dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid. This salt was added into 205ml of 9% hydrochloric acid aqueous solution, taking 3 hours. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour, to precipitate dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid were collected by filtration and rinsed with water. 56g of 50% sodium hydroxide aqueous solution was added into the filtrate and the rinsing liquid for basic solution, and then distilled in atmospheric pressure to obtain 15.3g of a fraction of 115-118 °C. Water content of the obtained (S)-1,2-diaminopropane was 15%(yield 80%). The optical purity was 98%ee.

Sakie et al discloses the preparation of di-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid in the following example 5:

99.8g of the salt of (S)-1,2-diaminopropane and di-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid having an optical purity of 97%ee was added into 205ml of 9% hydrochloric acid aqueous solution, taking 3 hours. After addition of the salt, the mixture was stirred for 1 hour, to precipitate di-p-toluoyl-D-tartaric acid were collected by filtration and rinsed with water. 56g of 50% sodium hydroxide aqueous solution was added into the filtrate and the rinsing liquid for basic solution, and then distilled in atmospheric pressure to obtain 15.3g of a fraction of 115-118°C. Water content of the obtained (S)-1,2-diaminopropane was 15%(yield 80%). The optical purity was 97%ee.

However, the instant invention differs from the prior art in that none of the prior art disclose that the optically active diacyltartaric acid is added beforehand in the acid aqueous solution; the amount of the optically active diacyltartaric acid is added from 0.05 to 3 wt % based on the wt of the acid aqueous solution ; the recovered optically active diacyltartaric acid is recycled into the optical resolution step; furthermore, there is an unexpected recovery result from 94 to 98 % yield of the desired product in comparison with that (80 % yield) of the prior art. In addition, unless all limitations of the claims are met, there is no prior art rejection. See In re Zurko 59 USPQ 2d 1690 (Fed Cir. 1991) and In re Lee, 61 USPQ 1430 (Fed Cir. 1991).

Therefore, the claimed invention would not have been obvious to the ordinary skilled artisan in the art .

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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